Assessment of working of Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act

1012. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the working of Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act;

(b) what is the number of boneded labour identified so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe bonded labourers, State-wise; and

(d) the progress and steps taken to rehabilitate the bonded labourers during the past two years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the information furnished by the State Governments, two statements indicating the number of bonded labour identified and rehabilitated, and the other indicating the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe bonded labour identified are placed at Statement I and II respectively (*See below*). Point No. 6 of New 20-Point Programme of 1986, *inter alia* envisages full implementation of laws relating to abolition of bonded labour system. Annual and quarterly targets are fixed for rehabilitation. Progress is monitored every month and suitable instructions are issued to the State Governments where the progress is found inadequate. A New Plan Scheme for involvement of voluntary agencies in identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour has also been introduced.

Statement

Number of Bonded Labour identified, released and rehabilitated (position has on 31.3.1988)

Name of the State	Number of Bonded Labourers	
	Identified and Released	Rehabilitated
1. Andhra Pradesh.	33,954	23,552
2. Bihar . .	12,338	11,465
3. Karnataka .	62,689	51,222
4. Madhya Pradesh	7,486	5,489
5. Maharashtra .	988	875
6. Orissa . .	47,326	41,483
7. Rajasthan .	7,037	6,910
8. Tamil Nadu .	26,827	34,468
9. Uttar Pradesh .	25 211	25,211
10. Gujarat .	54	64
11. Haryana .	429	21
12. Kerala . .	823	823
TOTAL	2,35,670	2.01,583

Statement—II

Number of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe bonded labour identified

Name of the State	Position as on	Identified	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Trile
1. Andhra Pradesh	31-3-88	15,444	934
2. Bihar	31-3-87	7,676	1313
3. Gujarat	31-3-88	37	20
4. Kerala	31-3-88	36	786
5. Orissa	31-3-88	13,278	18, 881
6. Tamil Nadu	31-12-87	1,342	1,088
7. Uttar Pradesh	31-3-88	17,917	6,033
8. Karnataka	30-9-87	44,821	2,482